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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Mineo NOMOTO, et al.

Application No.: 10/082,520

Filed: February 22, 2002

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
MEASURING THICKNESS OF THIN
FILM AND DEVICE
MANUFACTURING METHOD USING
SAME

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 8662

Examiner: Hoa Q. Pham

Technology Center/Art Unit: 2877

**AMENDMENT AFTER ALLOWANCE
UNDER 37 CFR § 1.312(a)**

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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance mailed November 17, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.